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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON HIS RETUNR TO JAKARTA SEPTEMER 30
FROM UNGA WHERE HE MET WITH PROTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES,
MALIK TOLD PRESS INDONESIA SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED IF
PORTUGUESE TIMORESE CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE IN FORTHCOMING
PLEBISCITE. HE SAID INDONESIA WILL NOT INTERFRRE AND
IMPLIED THAT UNION OF INDONESIA AND PORTUGUESE TIMOR
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MIGHT, EVENTUALLY COME AFTER PERIOD OF INDEPENDENCE.

MALIK'S PUBLIC POSITION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR THUS STILL APPEARS AT VARIANCE WITH ALI MURTOPO/BAKIN VIEW THAT INDEPENDENCE MUST BE PREVENTED AND THAT MERGER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA IS ESSENTIAL FOR SECURITY REASONS. MURTOPO REPORTEDLY VISITING LISBON THIS WEEK FOR FULLER TALKS WITH GOP (REF F). ATTITUDES IN LISBON AND PORTUGUESE TIMOR FAR FROM CLEAR; BUT MALIK'S APPROACH TO PROBLEM SEEMS MORE REALISTIC GIVEN APPARENT LACK OF SUPPORT FOR MERGER IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND LISBON'S APPARENT DESIRE TO ABIDE BY WISHES OF TIMORESE. FOLLOWING BASED ON JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT HOMECOMING PRESS CONFERENCE MALIK REVEALED FEW DETAILS OF TALK WITH SOARES AT U.N. SEPTEMBER 21, SAYING ONLY THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL COOPERATE AND CONSULT CLOSELY ON DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR, WILL AVOID "UNWANTED INCIDENTS," AND HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMAIC RELATIONS AFTER COMPLETION OF FORMALITIES. EARLIER PRESS ACCOUNTS OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY GOI SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK AFTER MALIK/SOARES MEETING INDICATED PORTUGAL STILL CONTEMPLATES PLEBISCITE.

2. MALIK SAID FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR DEPENDS ON WISHES OF PEOPLE THERE. INDONESIA NEED NOT BE CONCERNED IF THEY DO NOT CHOOSE UNION WITH INDONESIA. IMPORTANT THING, HE SAID, IS THAT THEY FREE THEMSELVES AND SET UP A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. LATER, INDONESIA WOULD TRY TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THEIR POSITION AS INDONESIA'S CLOSEST NEIGHBOR. BUT IN ANY CASE, INDONESIA WOULD NOT TRY TO FORCE ITS WISHES ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR, AS THAT WOULD BE "INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER NATION."

3. IN LATER COMMENTS OCTOBER 2, MALIK SAID THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO SEND INDONESIAN "OBSERVERS" TO VIEW DECOLONIZATION PROCEESS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. HE DISTINGUISHED SITUATION THERE FROM 1963 PLEBISCITE IN SARAWAK AND SABAH
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AND 1969 ACT OF FREE CHOICE IN IRIAN JAYA.

4. MEANWHILE, JAKARTA PRESS CARRYING FREQUENT STATEMENTS BY PROTAGONISTS IN CONTEST OVER FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR. ACCORDING KOMPAS REPORT SEPTEMBER 26, AUGUSTO COSTA MOUNSINHO AND DOMINQUE OLIVEIRA OF PRO-PORTUGAL TIMORESE DEMOCRATIC UNION PARTY SAID IN JAKARTA THAT PORTUGUESE TIMORESE, NOT OTHER NATIONS, WILL DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE

AND CRITICIZED MALIK/SOARES MEETING. THEY SAID PORTUGUESE TIMORESE REJECT MERGER WITH INDONESIA AS ADVOCATED BY APODETI PARTY, AND CALLED FOR FEDERATION WITH PORTUGAL LEADING PERHAPS TO EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE.

5. MOUNSINHO AND OLIVEIRA EXPRESSED SYMPATHY IN PRINCIPLE FOR DEMONSTRATION IN DILI SEPTEMBER 17 AGAINST UNION WITH INDONESIA (REF B) AND SAID EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO TIMOR LESTE INDEPENDENTE ("FRENTELIN"). SINAR HARAPAN REPORTED SEPTEMBER 24 THAT SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARTY LEADER RAMOS HORTA ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION UNDER NEW FRENTELIN BANNER, AND THAT 1,000 PARTICIPATED. (THESE REPORTS ASSOCIATED FRENTELIN WITH HORTA'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER IT IS SUCCESSOR TO SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OR SEPARATE ENTITY.) END UNCLASSIFIED

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6. COMMENT: MALIK'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS DISCOUNTING IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRATING PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA, STRESSING SELF DETERMINATION AND ACCEPTABILITY OF INDEPENDENCE AS INTERIM STATUS COINCIDE WITH HIS EARLIER STATEMENTS TO AMBASSADOR (REF A,E). STATEMENTS SUGGEST MALIK IS STILL AT ODDS WITH VIEW OF ALI MURTOPO/BAKIN GROUP THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME OF DECOLONIZATION MUST BE MERGER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO INDONESIA (REF A,C). IT IS POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT MALIK IS TAKING HIGH ROAD FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE ONLY. (AS REPORTED REF F, ALI MURTOPO WILL VISIT LISBON THIS WEEK FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH GOP AND APPARENTLY WILL REQUEST PLEBISCITE IN 1975) BUT ALL REPORTS TODAY INDICATE PRO-MERGER APODETI PARTY IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR

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HAS LITTLE SUPPORT. MALIK'S APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT INDEPENDENT PORTUGUESE TIMOR THEREFORE SEEMS MORE REALISTIC THAN MURTOPO/BAKIN VIEW THAT MERGER MUST SOMEHOW BE ARRANGED.

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